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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL COOPERATION(TECO) COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER  
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1. SUMMARY: IN ROUTINE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF TECO COMMITTEE,  
PROGRAM FOR 1974 WAS APPROVED WITH FEW DELEGATIONS EXCEPT RECI-  
PIENTS MAKING ANY COMMENTS, AS USUAL. MOST NOTEWORTHY ASPECT TO  
MEETING WAS THAT IT POORLY ATTENDED. BRIEF DISCUSSION HELD ON  
IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF PROGRAM TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN 1974 AS PART OF  
RECENT COUNCIL DECISION EXTENDING TECO PROGRAM FOR THREE YEARS  
MORE. END SUMMARY.

2. TECO COMMITTEE, WHICH NORMALLY MEETS ONLY TWICE A YEAR, MET  
FOR FULL-DAY TO DEAL WITH NUMBER OF ITEMS ON AGENDA. EXCEPT FOR  
TECO BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES(GREECE, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, TURKEY AND  
YUGOSLAVIA), WHO SENT REPS FROM CAPITALS AS USUAL, MEETING WAS  
POORLY ATTENDED BY OTHER MEMBERS. JAPAN, FRANCE, CANADA AND  
NUMBER OF SMALL COUNTRIES DID NOT ATTEND AT ALL. AFTERNOON  
SESSION FOUND ONLY BELGIUM, GERMANY AND US IN ATTENDANCE IN  
ADDITION TO FIVE BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES. DISCUSSION FOR MOST PART  
AND AS USUAL WAS OCCASION FOR BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE  
STATEMENTS ON TECO ACTIVITIES IN THEIR COUNTRIES AND TO EXPRESS  
APPRECIATION FOR PROGRAM. OTHER DELS MADE FEW, IF ANY, COMMENTS.

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3. CARLOS ROGENMOSER LOURENCO, CHAIRMAN OF THE PORTUGUESE INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMISSION ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN LISBON, PORTUGAL, WAS ELECTED NEW CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE. SECRETARIAT REPORTED BRIEFLY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF 1972 PROGRAM (TECO (73) 3 AND ANNEX). US, SUPPORTED BY BELGIUM, NOTED LARGE NUMBER OF LATE CANCELLATIONS OF TECO TRAINEES RECENTLY AND URGED THAT TECO COUNTRIES DO THEIR BEST TO HOLD SUCH CANCELLATIONS TO AS FEW AS POSSIBLE, NOTING PROBLEMS THESE CAUSED FOR THOSE WHO HAD WORKED TO ARRANGE TRAINING PROGRAMS IN MEMBERS' CAPITALS. TECO PROGRAM FOR 1974 (TECO (73) 4) APPROVED AFTER ROUTINE PRESENTATION BY SECRETARIAT, FOLLOWED BY STATEMENTS BY EACH BENEFICIARY COUNTRY. UK SUGGESTED PROGRAM SEEMED TO OVER-EMPHASIZE AGRICULTURE AT EXPENSE OF ACTIVITIES AIMED AT IMPROVING GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION. PROPOSAL FOR CARRY-OVER OF UNSPENT 1973 FUNDS INTO 1974 (TECO (73) 5) WAS APPROVED.

4. UNDER AGENDA ITEM "FUTURE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE," ASSTSECGEN PAULUCCI REFERRED TO RECENT COUNCIL DECISION EXTENDING TECO PROGRAM FOR THREE YEARS MORE (C/M(73)19(PROV.) ANNEX DATED SEPT.17, 1973) WHICH REQUESTED TECO COMMITTEE "EXAMINE SUBSTANCE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES AND WORKING METHODS AND PRESENT CONCLUSIONS TO COUNCIL AT EARLIEST FEASIBLE DATE, IF POSSIBLE BEFORE END OF 1974." HE SUGGESTED TECO SECRETARIAT SHOULD BEGIN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH INTERESTED MEMBERS ON THIS WITH AIM OF PREPARING DRAFT REPORT WHICH COULD BE DISCUSSED IN NEXT TECO COMMITTEE MEETING, PROBABLY IN MAY 1974. REPORT WOULD BE REVISED FOLLOWING DISCUSSION AND FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBERS AND WOULD BE PRESENTED TO TECO COMMITTEE PROBABLY IN OCTOBER FOR FINAL APPROVAL BEFORE FORWARDING TO COUNCIL. PAULUCCI SUGGESTED REPORT SHOULD FOCUS ON FUTURE OF PROGRAM AND NOT BE REHASH OF PAST ACTIVITIES. ONLY BRIEF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HELD ON SUBJECT, SINCE MOST DELS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. TIMETABLE PROPOSED BY PAULUCCI GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO COMMITTEE. IN SPITE OF QUESTIONING BY US SEEKING DETAILS ON WHAT SORT OF REPORT SECRETARIAT HAD IN MIND OR WHAT PRECISE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF SUCH EXAMINATION WERE TO BE, PAULUCCI COULD PROVIDE NO INFORMATION EXCEPT TO REFER TO COUNCIL DECISION. BY THEIR COMMENTS, TECO COUNTRIES INDICATED THEY EXPECTED REPORT TO SUGGEST "NEW APPROACHES" TO TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN OECD AND THAT TECO PROGRAM SHOULD BE CONTINUED BEYOND PRESENT THREE-YEAR (1973-76)

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